

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 362

INFO USLO PEKING

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: CASC, VS, VN

SUBJ: VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO HANOI

REF: STATE 238348

1. MFA'S ASIAN DIVISION HEAD (LYNCH), REFERRING TO U.S. REQUEST THAT NZ AMBASSADOR HARLAND RAISE WITH DRV OFFICIALS THE MATTER OF THE RELEASE OF TWELVE FOREIGN NATIONALS CAPTURED AT BATTLE OF BAN ME THUOT, HAS PROVIDED POL/COUNS IN UTMOST CONFIDENCE WITH FOLLOWING NZ EYES ONLY MESSAGE MFA HAS RECEIVED FROM HARLAND:

"WHEN I SAW PHAM VAN DONG I TOLD HIM OUR FRIENDS HAD ASKED US TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE FATE OF THE FOREIGNERS CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT. HE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE IN GOOD HEALTH, AND THAT 'THEIR DESIRES WILL BE CARRIED OUT'. BUT HE ASKED ME TO REPORT THIS ONLY TO MY OWN GOVERNMENT. LATER I WAS TOLD THAT THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WOULD BE INFORMED IN DUE COURSE. IF YOU DECIDE TO PASS ON WHAT DONG TOLD ME PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION BE CAREFULLY GUARDED."

2. POL/COUNS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GNZ'S EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER AND ASSURED LYNCH INFORMATION WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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